

City of

DALTON

G E O R G I A

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

2006

Calendar



Mayor & Council Information

Dear Citizens of Dalton:

It is my privilege and pleasure to present the first ever City of Dalton Annual Report for 2005. This document was created to educate our citizens on the progress of all City of Dalton departments, whether that be sanitation innovations, fire protection advancements or new endeavors our City has bounded upon. We hope you find this document informative and hope you will hold onto it as a simple reminder of why we all call Dalton home.

Every day, our City is growing and changing. Since Dalton was designated a "Metropolitan Statistical Area" in 2004, we have been given more and more opportunity to provide unique and practical services to our constituents. The development of a Met-

ropolitan Planning Organization, for example, will assist in the expansion of our local roadways while considering our needs for public transportation and recreational transport. Dalton is now a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Community with over \$460,000 to spend on local housing initiatives and address the needs of our low and moderate income citizens.

While these programs do not involve every single individual in our corner of northwest Georgia, they do benefit the community as a whole by eliminating the need to subsidize programs with your tax dollars. That makes it possible for us to concentrate on efficient service delivery to you, our customer.

Our City departments are constantly working on projects that enhance our community, but two in particular are close to this Council's heart. Downtown Dalton Infrastructure and the New City Hall are two projects that have been closely scrutinized and

have proven to make a positive impact in our community. The development of new business and loft living in Downtown have confirmed the overall mission of our downtown effort. Our New City Hall has established a more efficient work space for City departments and a community meeting space for numerous events. More and more City residents and groups request the use of City Hall for functions so they can "show-off" this truly magnificent facility. Our citizens have developed a real sense of pride in their new building

We appreciate your involvement in our community and hope you find the content of this publication informative and helpful. The basics covered are the reasons we call the City of Dalton home!

*Sincerely,
Raymond A. Elrod, Sr.
Mayor*

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Councilmen

Bobby J. Grant
Ward One

J. Richard Lowrey
Ward Two

Terry L. Christie
Ward Three

Charles J. Bethel
Ward Four

Administration Department



You can consider the City of Dalton Administration Department the backbone of our local government. Within City Administration, five full time and one part time employees work diligently with each and every department, board, authority, commission and resident to ensure needs are being met and decisions are being made wisely.

Dalton is governed under a Mayor-Administrator format. Mayor and Council set policy, City Administration oversees implementation. Our City Administrator, James C. "Butch" Sanders, Jr. creates the overall "picture" for Dalton's departments by strategizing service delivery in an effective and efficient way. These goals and objectives are al-

ways based upon the approval of our elected officials. Our main priority, the annual budget, is cooperatively directed by the Administration and Finance Departments. Once the budget is adopted our newly created Finance Department follows through with oversight and monthly reporting.

The City of Dalton's Administration Department also houses the Public Relations team. Kimberly Johnson, Public Relations Specialist, and Judith Alvarez-Robinson, Public Relations Assistant (Bilingual), oversee day-to-day media relations and special event coordination. These ladies work to communicate the City's key messages, whether it's a sanitation change or a crisis situation. Important reference and

educational materials are also created and distributed through this arm of the Administration Department.

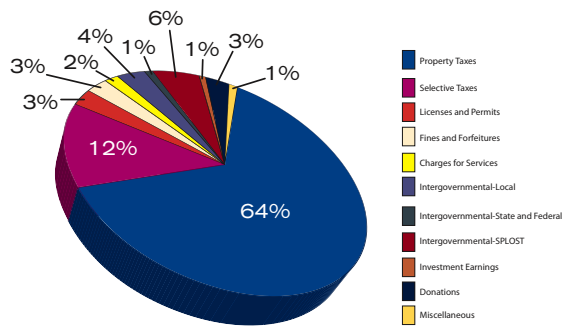
What we've accomplished in 2005:

Even though 2005 was a lean budget year with very little increase in budgeted expenditures, the City of Dalton accomplished two important long-term goals-the creation of an in-house Probation Department and the construction of a new shop/motor pool facility within our Public Works Department.

The Probation Department is important for many reasons:

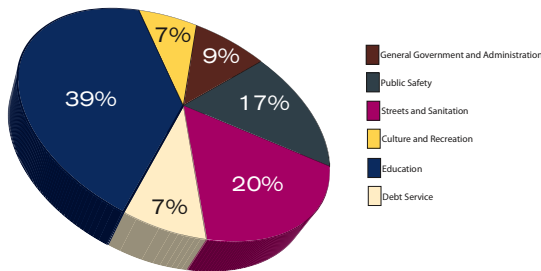
1. We now control the operation of a service which has many legal guidelines and

Where the Money Comes From



City revenues rely heavily on the property tax with 70% of collections going to the Dalton Public School System. The General Fund portion of your tax bill, 2,797 mills, is actually lower than it was 15 years ago in 1991. This is the millage which pays for police, fire, public works and other daily City services. This is a major reason why we can accurately say the City of Dalton is using your tax dollars wisely.

Where the Money Goes



After education, local government expenditures focus on services directly benefiting our citizens. Public Safety and Public Works are critical to promoting a high quality of life for Dalton and supporting our local industry/economy. We are a 24/7 City that has to support over 50,000 daily employees and that creates an extra burden on our infrastructure and manpower. Our departments do a wonderful job maintaining a safe and attractive City for our residents and daily visitors alike.

we were never really certain that the private sector was in compliance.

2. We now control and can monitor all financial aspects of Probation and operate according to strict GASB standards.

3. With Probation in-house we now control the community service assignments for all probationers and all City departments are benefiting from this free labor.

The Public Works Department shop will allow us to bring citywide fleet maintenance under one roof and better monitor the overall costs associated with vehicle expense. This information will be gathered on a new software system and should result in a large savings in repair costs and smarter purchasing practices. The shop foreman will now be responsible for the specifications and purchasing of all new rolling stock.

2005 was also the first full operational year of the City's Finance Department led by Finance Director Cindy Jackson. The department's oversight and review of citywide financial procedures has led to great cost savings in many areas including audit expense, purchasing and technology/utility expenditures.

Where 2006 will take us:

2006 will be very much a "continuation" of 2005, as budgeted dollars have not increased. One focus will be on shop organization so we can take advantage of savings from the integration of fleet services. We will also review all City service for possible modifications to become more cost-efficient including sanitation services, secondary police services, better City/County cooperation and looking at more functional consolidation.

The City Administrator's Office is located within the New City Hall. They can be reached at 706/278-9500.

Finance Department and Budget Information:

The City of Dalton established a Finance Department in August of 2004. At that time, Cindy Jackson was appointed as the City's first Finance Director and has been responsible for planning and organizing departmental functions from inception. Ms. Jackson is a CPA with twenty years of public accounting experience, including eight years managing the City's

audit prior to joining the City's team.

The Finance Department, comprised of five full time employees, is responsible for the financial operations of the City of Dalton, and serves as financial advisor to the Administration and City Council. The Finance Department also has the important role of managing our external technology/software consulting because so much of that work centers around our financial operations.

Department of Finance functions:

- Cash Receipts
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll Execution
- Accounting
- Budget Administration
- Cash Management
- Fixed Assets
- Financial Reporting and Compliance
- Grant Management

The Finance Department is located within the New City Hall and can be reached at 706/278-6006.



City of DALTON

Financial Review

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
Revenues					
Property taxes (including school & DDDA levy)	\$ 35,690,788	\$ 3,109,594	\$ -	\$ 533,210	\$ 39,333,592
Selective taxes	6,776,985	871,715	-	29,303	7,678,003
Licenses and permits	1,769,075	-	-	-	1,769,075
Fines and forfeitures	1,812,622	138,843	-	-	1,951,465
Charges for services	759,232	209,523	-	-	968,755
Intergovernmental - local	2,038,580	-	-	644,557	2,683,137
Intergovernmental - state and federal	737,926	8,073	-	-	745,999
Intergovernmental - SPOST	-	-	-	3,540,000	3,540,000
Investment earnings	155,691	2,899	76,395	74,430	309,415
Donations	2,071,485	-	-	-	2,071,485
Miscellaneous	522,502	38,094	-	-	560,596
Total Revenues	52,334,886	4,378,741	76,395	4,821,500	61,611,522
Expenditures					
General government and administration	3,892,689	-	2,851,235	-	6,743,924
Public safety	12,519,158	61,558	-	-	12,580,716
Streets and sanitation	13,450,186	-	1,064,199	-	14,514,385
Culture and recreation	857,926	3,159,109	1,128,657	-	5,145,692
Education	28,508,593	-	-	-	28,508,593
Debt service	-	-	-	4,973,705	4,973,705
Total Expenditures	59,228,552	3,220,667	5,044,091	4,973,705	72,467,015
(Deficiency) of Revenues (Under Expenditures)	(6,893,666)	1,158,074	(4,967,696)	(152,205)	(10,855,493)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers in	6,719,143	-	3,124,493	273,637	10,117,273
Transfers out	(3,903,095)	(714,403)	(156,666)	-	(4,774,164)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,816,048	(714,403)	2,967,827	273,637	5,343,109
Net Change in Fund Balance	(4,077,618)	443,671	(1,999,869)	121,432	(5,512,384)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	10,020,302	2,415,085	4,496,383	3,594,842	20,526,612
Fund Balance End of Period	\$ 5,942,684	\$ 2,858,756	\$ 2,496,514	\$ 3,716,274	\$ 15,014,228



The City Clerk's office acts as the official historical record keeper for the City of Dalton. Bernadette Chattam was appointed Dalton City Clerk in January 2005 after working within the department for nearly 20 years. As City Clerk, Ms. Chattam oversees and maintains all official documents and minutes dating from 1884 to present. Currently, the City Clerk Department employs two full time staff.

The City Clerk Department also acts as licensing and permit agent for the following:

- Occupational Tax Certificates
- Alcohol Beverage Licenses
- Adult Entertainment Licenses
- Dance Hall License
- Special Event Permit-Alcohol

City Clerk also coordinates the billing and execution of collections and delinquencies for all Occupational Tax and Alcohol Beverage. Approximately \$760,000 in revenue for Occupational Tax and \$300,000 in Alcohol Beverage delinquencies. The City Clerk also executes collection for all Alcohol Beverage fines-approximately \$90,000 in 2005.

On top of all the permitting and licensing, the Clerk also handles all campaign contributions for City elected officials including school board officials. The Clerk also qualifies candidates for elections, including school board.

In 2006, the City Clerk will acquire the management task of technology for the City. One additional full time IT staff person will be added to the department.

City Clerk



- Temporary Permit: Non-Profit Organization
- Horse Drawn Carriage License

Statistics for 2005 Permits/Licenses

- 232 New Occupation Tax Certificates
- 1941 Total Occupation Tax Certificate Accounts
- 442 Insurance Companies
- 96 Alcohol Beverage Accounts
- 12 Banks

The City Clerk's office is located within the New City Hall.

You can reach them by calling 706/529-2490.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 New Year Holiday City Closed	3	4 D-W Community Development Corporation Committee 1st Mayor & Council Meeting	5	6	7 Bring One For The Chipper
8	9	10	11	12 Historic Preservation Commission	13	14
15	16 MLK, Jr. Holiday City Closed	17 Mayor & Council Meeting Keep Dalton-Whitfield Beautiful Meeting	18	19	20	21 Household Hazardous Waste
22	23	24 Public Safety Commission Pension Board	25	26	27	28
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The Human Resources Department is responsible for the administration and oversight of the City of Dalton's:

- Health Plan
- Dental Plan
- Defined Benefit Retirement Plan
- Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
- Workers Compensation Program
- Employee Health and Wellness Program
- Life Insurance Plan
- Long Term Disability Plan
- Drug Free Workplace Program

Human Resources also coordinates the hiring process for the City Departments and processes approximately 1200 applications per year. In addition, the Human Resources Department facilitates and co-

health costs for the City. The Employee Health Nurse position was filled in December 2004 and provides the following services to all City employees:

- Blood Pressure Checks (on jobsite and office)
- Diabetes Checks (on jobsite and office)
- Minor Non-Life Threatening Injuries
- Routine Drug Screens (employee and pre-employment)
- Health Education (materials available to employees)
- Annual Flu Shots to Employees
- Fitness Program
- First Aid and Safety, Automatic External Defibrillator and CPR Classes (certification through Red Cross)
- Selected Over the Counter Medications
- Periodic Health Newsletter

Human Resources



ordinates training opportunities for supervisors and other employees as needed.

Human Resources employs four full time staff, including the Director, a Payroll Assistant, Human Resources Assistant and Employee Health Nurse. The Employee Health Nurse position was filled in December 2004 to reduce unnecessary

- Opportunities for Employees and Family to Participate in Local "Fun Runs"
- Yearly Health Screening

Human Resources is located within the New City Hall. For information on City jobs, contact the Jobline at 706/279-9023 or log on to hr.citydalton.net/html/job.php.

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Solid Waste Authority
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**Keep Dalton-Whitfield
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Probably one of the most visible departments, the Public Works Department provides our residents with sanitation and recycling services, street resurfacing and many other functions. As most years are for Public Works, 2005 was productive.

Overview of 2005 Projects:

New Fleet Maintenance Shop:

With the completion of a new Fleet Maintenance Shop, Public Works will be able to service vehicles for not only their department, but the Dalton Police Department as well. The project totaled \$850,000 and was contracted by Smith & Green Construction Company.

Tibbs Road Curbing and Sidewalk Project:

This project is a joint venture with Whitfield County Public Works that includes placing new curb and guttering and a sidewalk on the west side of Tibbs Road beginning at the intersection of College Drive and extending north to US 41. The project is 75% complete and is partially funded by the Georgia Department of Transportation (\$88,784.96).

Street Paving:

Public Works has resurfaced 25 streets using both Georgia Department of Transportation funds (\$89,487.60) and City of Dalton funds. With assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation, Thornton Avenue from Cuyler Street to Walnut Avenue, was resurfaced. The

Landscaping:

The Public Works Landscaping Crew maintains City Hall, Public Works, Gateway & Fifth Avenue Parks, Heritage Point Park, Al Rollins Park and other municipal properties throughout the City. Our Dalton Tree Board hosted the 2005 Georgia Urban Forestry Council Conference in October at the NorthWest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.

The Public Works Department employs a staff/crew of approximately 115. The Public Works Department is located at 535 Elm Street and can be reached at 706/278-7077.

Public Works



Downtown Dalton Streetscape:

The current phase of the Streetscape project has focused on Pentz Street. All storm drain improvements have been made from Waugh Street to Gordon Street. Utilities will be underground with Dalton Utilities work being complete. Charter and ALLTEL are ongoing. Crews have finished sidewalk, brick pavers, street lights and mast arm poles along the north and west side of the Old City Hall building. Still to complete are Waugh Street south to Gordon Street including side street tie-ins to Hamilton Street.

same partnership gave the City the ability to resurface College Drive from Tibbs Road to George Rice Drive.

Traffic Signal Improvements/Maintenance:

Public Works received approximately \$80,000 of new LED signal equipment from the Georgia Department of Transportation which will replace signal heads on Glenwood Avenue, Thornton Avenue and West Walnut Avenue.

Curbside Recycling:

Public Works provides once per week recycling collection to City residents. For 2005, approximately 800 tons of recycling materials were collected.

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The Dalton Police Department works to ensure every persons safety within the City of Dalton. Working 'round the clock, Dalton Police Department certainly had a productive year in 2005.

Patrol Division

In 2005, the Dalton Police Department converted its' Field Officer Training Program to a problem-based learning model called "Police Training Officer." This model is intended for adult learners and focuses on finding solutions to community problems in addition to learning all of the technical skills needed to be an exemplary police officer.

Currently, there are only five other law enforcement agencies in the nation using this innovative model.

Child Safety Seat Checks

Dalton Police Department remains very active in child safety seat checks throughout the community. Currently, Dalton PD has two certified car seat technicians. Officer Chris Cooke is very active with Dalton/Whitfield Safe Kids which includes the car seat program, as well as home safety and bicycle safety. Officer Cooke is currently working on a grant from Safe Kids to teach DUI awareness class at Dalton High School using the Fatal Vision goggles and a golf cart that looks like a City patrol car.

Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division assisted in developing the Conasauga Safe Streets Task Force. The Task Force

fective investigative/prosecution avenues to convict and incarcerate dangerous offenders.

Support Services Division

Dalton Police Department participated in the 22nd Annual National Night Out. This is a unique event that is designed to heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness. It generates support for and participation in local anti-crime programs. It strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. It also sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back.

Sworn Dalton Police Officers completed a total of 11,180 hours of training in 2005.

The Department also graduated the 13th Citizen's Academy class.

Police Department



The Traffic Unit placed 3rd in the 2005 Governor's Challenge. The Challenge consists of the overall program at the department including enforcement (DUI arrests, speed reduction, occupant protection, road checks), educational events, media coverage, participation in the area traffic network and any new programs that are implemented to help reduce accidents and injuries or deaths related to traffic. The Dalton Traffic Unit has always placed in the top three in all past Governor's Challenges.

The Police Department was also named Outstanding Agency by their traffic network group in Gainesville.

includes two full time members from each of the following agencies: Dalton Police Department, Whitfield County Sheriff's Office and the Calhoun Police Department. The Task Force is supervised by an assigned FBI Agent.

The mission of the Task Force is to identify and target, for prosecution, organized crime groups responsible for drug trafficking, money laundering, alien smuggling, crimes of violence (murder), robbery, aggravated assault and violent street gangs.

The Task Force will also enhance the effectiveness of federal/state/local law enforcement resources through a well-coordinated initiative seeking the most ef-

Dalton Police Department is located at 301 Jones Street. Their telephone number is 706/278-9085. For emergencies, always call 911.

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Over the last few years, Municipal Court has experienced some major changes. Located within the “old” jail, Municipal Court was able to expand their department once the City of Dalton officially acquired the building. With more room comes more responsibility. The City felt it necessary to appoint a Court Administrator to oversee operations and hired David Hamil to fill that void.

In January 2005, Municipal Court moved probation services in-house. This addition has not only cut costs, but developed a more efficient mechanism for handling offenders. The Probation Services Department is recognized as an agency under POST-Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

requests to be appointed an indigent attorney.

- Defendant must pay a \$50 application fee to receive the application. Fee established by state statute.
- Using the assigned standards, a determination is made and the court either appoints or denies the request.

Dalton Municipal Court Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an efficient judiciary service to all Defendants, Attorneys and Law Enforcement Officers in a courteous, conscientious and fair manner.

Vision Statement

Accurate, timely and compliant reporting of information is what we strive for.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to provide a probation service that benefits the citizens of the City of Dalton through community service programs, successfully facilitate the completion of probationer's sentences and aid the probationer in completing their term of probation as quickly as the probationer is able.

Municipal Court is located at 501 West Waugh Street and can be reached by calling 706/278-1913.

Municipal Court



Under the Probation Services Department, other City Departments benefit by utilizing community service workers in Public Works and City Hall. For 2005 approximately 43,000 hours were logged by community service workers.

Indigent Program

In 2005, Municipal Court also instituted an Indigent Program assisting indigent defendants with attorney's. This program is mandated by the State of Georgia under the Supreme Court Ruling in the Alabama vs. Shelton case in 2002.

The way the program works:

- Defendant appears for arraignment and

Professionalism, courtesy toward all who come in contact with the court and effective communication with all who come in contact with the court is paramount to our success as a department.

Dalton Municipal Probation Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an efficient, cost-effective probation service in order to adhere to the order of the court with regards to persons who have been convicted of violation(s) of the law and sentenced to probation. We do so in a fair, courteous and consistent manner.



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<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Memorial Day City Closed	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

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The marketing arm for the City of Dalton and Whitfield County, the Convention and Visitors Bureau travels far and wide to tout Dalton's unique features. A staff of two, Janet Cochran acts as Director and Elaine Watkins follows as Deputy Director. Once housed at the NorthWest Georgia Trade and Convention Center, the CVB ran out of room! A joint venture by both the City of Dalton and Whitfield County, the team moved their headquarters to the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center to help manage the museum and property.

Every year is a busy year for the CVB, as Dalton attracts many tourists because of our prime location off of Interstate 75. But, 2005 seemed to be a challenging year with new projects and events to prepare for.

Trade Shows and Conferences

- Assisted in a successful bid for the 2006 and 2007 State Championships of the GA Tennis Association
- Successfully bid for the GA Association of

Convention and Visitor Bureaus' Winter Meeting to be held Feb. 2006

- Attended the Cincinnati Travel Show as part of the DCVB regional marketing co-op program.
- Assisted with hosting the 2005 GA Urban Forestry Council's statewide conference
- Successfully planned and hosted the annual Winter Chautauqua conference
- Participated as an exhibitor at the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber Expo

Special Events

- Planned and hosted 3rd annual Dalton tour for the Legisladies (spouses of Georgia Legislators)
- Successfully hosted the 3rd Annual Tour de Georgia professional bicycle race featuring Lance Armstrong and Dalton's own Saul Raisin – DCVB tracked visitors from 33 states and 12 countries in downtown Dalton at the stage start

- Successfully planned and hosted the 4th annual Silver Bell Sprint 5K Race in downtown Dalton
- Raised over \$17,000 to assist with hosting Tour de GA and Silver Bell Sprint
- Assisted with the U.S.S. Whitfield artifact dedication and military reunion in Dalton

Marketing

- (Jan – Sep) Fulfilled over 6600 requests for visitor information
- New CVB website went live with continued input and enhancement
- Worked with independent film artist to promote Tunnel Hill heritage site
- Represented NW Georgia's Blue and Gray Trail in the Appalachian Regional Commission's National Geographic Map project
- Represented NW Georgia at the Travel Media Marketplace in Macon hosted by the State of

- promote the Cohutta-Chattahoochee Scenic Byway, a 54-mile route spanning both Whitfield and Murray Counties
- Developed a new website for the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center in time for the annual Battle of Tunnel Hill Civil War Reenactment

Advertising / Public Relations

- (Jan – Sep) Generated over 25 advertisements to promote visitation to Dalton-Whitfield
- (Jan – Sep) Over 60 PR opportunities supporting Dalton's tourist attractions, activities and events

Development

- Continued to build the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center operation including the addition of a gift shop area to sell souvenirs and provide additional income to the Center and CVB
- Worked with the Teachers In Industry

Dalton Convention & Visitors Bureau



- Georgia Tourism Division
- Produced a new Dalton teaser brochure for use in bulk marketing and fulfillment initiatives
 - Implemented a new monthly e-newsletter going to over 100 subscribers through November, actively promoting Dalton area events and attractions
 - Developed a relationship with Lee University's internship program in the Communications Department – two public relations interns worked with the DCVB in 2005.
 - Applied for and received a Grassroots Arts Grant to enhance the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center's ambiance and educational program
 - In partnership with the Chatsworth-Murray Chamber of Commerce, the DCVB received over \$4000 via the State of Georgia's marketing co-op grant program. Funds were used to develop marketing materials and

- program to develop educational curriculum for the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center
- Continued work on the Dixie Highway project to generate increased visitor traffic along the northwest Georgia portion of the historic highway and bring attention to downtown

Legislative Efforts

- Attended and supported Tourism Day at the Capital in Atlanta

Administrative

- Brought all DCVB daily accounting in-house
- Graduated Leadership Dalton-Whitfield and participated in the Advanced Leadership Academy

The CVB can be reached at 706/270-9960 or log on to www.DaltonCVB.com.

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The City of Dalton Building Inspection Department is responsible for the following:

- Commercial Inspections
- Residential Inspections
- Inspects all construction work on all new buildings
- Additions and repairs
- Monitors removal and demolition of buildings
- Assures compliance with a variety of city codes including building codes
- Housing code
- Mechanical code
- Energy code
- Zoning ordinance
- Sign ordinance
- Tree ordinance

- Reviews proposed annexations to assure compliance with zoning and other ordinances
- Prepares proposals for changing or amending local ordinances

2004 Totals

Permits Issued 1,954
 Estimated Construction Cost
 \$81,957,405.14
 Permit Fees \$342,218.42
 Residential Square Footage 487,428.25
 Commercial Square Footage 443,339
 Industrial Square Footage 9,837

2005 Totals (As of November)

Permits Issued 1,723
 Estimated Construction Costs

Building Inspection Department



- Mobile home ordinances and others
- Soil and Erosion Plans and permits
- Approval of commercial and public building plans
- Enforces State license requirements for plumbing
- Electrical and heating and air condition contractors
- Condemns unsafe structures and orders demolition or assures repairs are made to such dilapidated structures

\$62,009,076.00
 Permit Fees \$369,194.43
 Residential Square Footage 284,240
 Commercial Square Footage 299,222
 Industrial Square Footage 282,760

The Building Inspection Department is located at 535 Elm Street and can be reached by calling 706/278-6936.

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Dalton Parks & Recreation Department provides leisure facilities, programs, activities and special events for the citizens of our community. DPRD has 642 acres of parks and sports complexes including:

- James Brown Park-Civic Drive
- Lakeshore Park-Cedar Street
- Brookwood Park-Walnut Avenue
- Joan Lewis Park-Fourth Avenue
- Dalton High School Tennis Courts Manly Street
- Soccer Complex-Smith Industrial Boulevard
- The Community Center-Frederick Street
- Al Rollins Park-Threadmill Road
- Dalton Green-Selvidge Street
- Otis Cook Tree Park-Parkway
- Civitan Park-Shugart Road/Tibbs Road
- Heritage Point Park-Cross Plains Trail

DPRD is also responsible for the City's golf course, Nob North. Located off of Cleveland Highway, Nob North offers an exceptional round of golf for a nominal fee. Nob North is a Gary Player designed course and

has been named as one of Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play." A new offering in 2005 was the opportunity for family, individual, student and senior memberships. Approximately 24,000 rounds of golf were played at Nob North in 2005 and the course hosted approximately 20 tournaments and outings including the Cherokee Estates fundraiser and Dalton/Whitfield Amateur Championship. Another highlight for 2005 was the Industrial League participation with 34 teams teeing off at Nob North.

Heritage Point Park is the newest addition to DPRD's facility list. Heritage Point is located off of the North Bypass at Cross Plains Trail and offers ten softball fields, walking tracks, playground and Rotary Pavilion for a variety of leisure activities. With its grand opening in July of 2004, Heritage Point is now the official home to DPRD's Fourth of July Celebration.

Other Heritage Point 2005 Highlights:

- 28 Softball Tournaments with a total of 476 teams competing

- Two "Movie in the Park" nights sponsored by local business
- The Rotary Pavilion was rented for 65 different events
- Youth and Adult Softball Leagues played all games at Heritage Point

Overall DPRD 2005 Accomplishments:

- Recreation Center and Community Center had 100,213 visits
- Hunter Safety course was taught to 180 students
- 314 students participated in swim lessons
- 368 participants took part in the Tennis League
- 3000 participants in the Summer Food Program
- Special Olympics & Therapeutic activities included in-school therapy, track & field, swimming, snow skiing, buddy ball and adults night out. Also worked with associations to provide swimming & diving,

2005 Highlights Dalton/Whitfield Senior Center

- Trips: Alaskan Cruise (75), Fiji/Australia/New Zealand (22), Las Vegas (20), Branson, MO (34), Mt. Rushmore (29), Washington, D.C., Braves Spring Training, Biloxi, MS and San Antonio, TX.
- Programs provided to Senior Citizens: Silver Sneakers Exercise Class, Senior Olympics, Bridge, Dance, Oil Painting, Knitting, Computer, Sign Language, Therapeutic Art, Quilting, Aerobics, Weaving, Crochet and Book Club.
- Special Events: Halloween Party, Labor Day Picnic, Dance Workshop, Shuffleboard & Pool Tournaments, Fourth of July Party, Golden Gaiter's Walk, Mother's Day Tea, Memorial Day Exhibit, April Fool's Party, Easter Party, St. Patrick's Day Party, Valentine's Party, Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Party.
- The Senior Center averaged 75 meals per day in 2005.

Dalton Parks & Recreation Department



- wrestling, roller hockey and tennis.
- An Equestrian Camp was provided

2005 Sports Stats

- Youth Baseball 425 participants, 25% increase
- Youth Softball 24 teams
- New Fall Baseball 152 participants
- Youth Soccer 450, 90% increase
- Cheerleading 156, 65% increase
- Adult Basketball 24 teams
- Adult Softball 73 teams
- Adult Flag Football 12 teams

2005 Special Event Stats

- Easter Egg Hunt 300 participants
- Kite Day 200 participants
- Fourth of July 10,000 participants
- Fall Carnival 20 Day Care Centers participated

Joan Lewis Park Renovation Project was funded by the Community Development Block Grant. This area is located within the Urban Redevelopment Plan boundaries. Renovations included a new artificial turf soccer field, construction of a band shell/stage, new picnic tables, park benches and trashcans were installed and the roofing was replaced on the existing picnic shelters.

DPRD is located on Civic Drive and can be reached by calling 706/278-5404.

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2006 Annual National
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2005 has been an outstanding year for the Trade Center. After restructuring & downsizing in early 2004, the Trade Center experienced the most successful year in their history. By lowering operating costs even further & increasing revenues to the highest levels in their 14 year history, 2005 has surpassed 2004 as their best financial year ever. As a result, the Trade Center Authority Board has reduced its operating budget and asked the City and Whitfield County to reduce their annual contribution to the Trade Center for 2006. This action is a first but the goal is to continue to reduce tax contributions every year.

With the partnership of OptiLink, Ashley Furniture and Carpets of Dalton

and has seen visitor numbers going from approximately 200 per month to over 1,000 visitors on some months.

The Georgia High School Coaches Hall of Fame continues to expand and draw visitors from all over the State. The Trade Center has joined forces with Junior Achievement to develop a community "Hall of Fame" recognizing the achievements of those past and present figures that have shaped Dalton & Whitfield County.

What does the future hold for the Trade Center? In a word, "hotel." The Trade Center Authority and Director Rick Tanner believe that the changes and improvements seen in the past two years set the stage for a developer to seize the opportunity and build on this location. In the

Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center



the Trade Center was able to offer, at no cost to their clients, a Cyber Lounge just off the main entrance, always open and always available to all guests. This is just one example of the efforts being made to improve the guest experience.

Michael Cook has come on board as the Executive Chef and full time caterer for all events in the venue, including concessions. This addition has resulted in the overall improvement of the Trade Center's food & beverage offerings.

The Dalton Welcome Center, formerly located on the lower level of the Trade Center, was moved to the main entrance

mean time the Trade Center is working on getting signage to promote events to the public and developing a new website, as well as new sales & marketing materials which have not changed from the day the doors opened 14 years ago.

The NorthWest Georgia Trade & Convention Center is located at 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road and can be contacted at 706/272-7676.

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3	4 Labor Day City Closed	5 Mayor & Council Meeting	6 D-W Community Development Corporation Committee	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Historic Preservation Commission	15	16
17	18 Mayor & Council Meeting Solid Waste Authority Meeting	19 Keep Dalton-Whitfield Beautiful Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Public Safety Commission Pension Board	27	28	29	30

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2005 has been a productive year for the Dalton Fire Department. And the products roll over to you, the resident. The most impressive accomplishment for DFD is the reclassification by the Insurance Service Office to a Class Two Public Fire Protection Grading for Risk Management. What does this mean for you? Better home insurance rates and peace of mind knowing that the Dalton Fire Department is here to protect and serve.

A total of \$440,000 has been awarded through a combination of grant applications. Grant money will be used to design, build and purchase a Special Response Vehicle for the consolidation of existing equipment used for those incidences, as

won the race to the training center. The race is in its third year and Dalton has been a part since its inception.

Two Dalton Firefighters, Jeff Dugger and Brandon Bray, were dispatched to the south Mississippi area with the Georgia Mutual Aid Group/Georgia Emergency Management Agency sponsored effort after the Hurricane Katrina disaster. The effort established a Functional Command Incident Management Team to coordinate the relief efforts in the stricken area. After spending several days in the Waveland, Mississippi area, Dugger and Bray made a recommendation that DFD consider a donation of some type to the area to assist due to the unbelievable devastation. DFD was planning to liquidate an out of date reserve pumper that had

cardiac arrest with a defibrillator by off duty Engineer Chris Ault. The man was working on plans for an upcoming event at the facility.

Burn Building Usage for 2005:

- Since March, the Burn Building has been used 17 times.
- Trainings have included fire attack operations, hose evolutions for search and rescue, fire attack from incipient stage to pre-flashover, 2005 recruit school, required night drills per ISO involving fire attack and search and rescue and the Georgia Fire Academy Sanctioned District School for Fire Attack Instructor Certification.

Dalton Fire Department



well as purchasing new equipment to augment the department's abilities to respond to specialized rescue and Hazardous Material related incidents.

Nine firefighters competed in the State-wide Gold's Gym sponsored "Fit to Fight Relay" from the State Capitol in Atlanta to Forsythe. The 75-mile challenge was created to heighten awareness for firefighter wellness and health issues in the State of Georgia. 2005 was the second year the relay has been a competition format and the second year Dalton Fire Department has

recently been replaced and the Mayor & Council made the decision to donate the truck to the Hancock County Mississippi Board of Supervisors.

2005 Confirmed Saves

- A fire victim who was not ambulatory was located and rescued from a single family residence on Lance Street in March by Battalion 1. The elderly man was not capable of self-rescue.
- An incident at the Farm Golf Course where a man was resuscitated from

The Fire Chief and staff are located at Station 1 and can be reached for non-emergency issues at 706/278-7363. For emergencies, always call 911.

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1	2 Mayor & Council Meeting	3	4 D-W Community Development Corporation Board	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Historic Preservation Commission	13	14
15	16 Mayor & Council Meeting Solid Waste Authority Meeting	17 Keep Dalton-Whitfield Beautiful Meeting	18	19	20	21
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The Dalton/Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (SWA) is a state of the art integrated solid waste management system on 1300+ acres, operating a system that includes a Subtitle-D lined landfill, a carpet monofill (balefill), a Materials Recovery Facility, the State of Georgia's first permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility, a recycling program for a wide variety of materials, four convenience centers for residents, a strong public education program, a Wetland Mitigation Bank and a Landfill Gas to Energy project.

The SWA was formed by the governments of Whitfield County and the City of Dalton in 1994 to manage solid waste and promote recycling and education. The SWA is overseen by a five member

Keep Dalton/Whitfield Beautiful, Inc.

The SWA has partnered with Keep Dalton/Whitfield Beautiful to promote environmental education to the community and residents. SWA sponsors many educational projects such as "Throw the Book at Recycling Ben" the local telephone book recycling event; in 2004, over 34,000 phone books were collected from 11 participating schools. SWA provides funding for school education materials and visits classrooms to discuss the importance of proper waste management.

KDWB is staffed by Bridget Sanford, Recycling & Education Coordinator for SWA, and Kimberly Johnson, Public Relations Specialist for the City of Dalton.

Other projects KDWB focuses on are

Dalton/Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority



Board, comprised of the Mayor of Dalton and one councilman, the Chairman of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners and one commissioner and one private citizen.

In October of 2003, the SWA partnered with the City of Dalton to accept their curbside recycling. The City currently serves 6500 households. With this partnership the SWA expanded their recycling program to include mixed paper, #1 & #2 plastics and bi-metal cans. Approximately 500 tons of recyclables were collected in 2005!

Adopt-A-Mile, Bring One For The Chipper and Great American Clean-up/Community Pride.

The SWA can be reached by calling 706/277-2545.

KDWB can be reached by calling 706/226-6211.

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**D-W Community
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**Holiday Open House
Downtown**

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Kiwanis Pancake Day

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**Mayor & Council
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**Historic Preservation
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Solid Waste Authority
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Beautiful Meeting**

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**Thanksgiving
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City Closed**

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**Public Safety
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Pension Board**

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The City of Dalton is fortunate to have the capability to manage the Dalton Municipal Airport. The Airport has experienced major renovations in 2005. Upgrades include installation of MALSR precision approach lighting system, installation of a glideslope system to upgrade the instrument approach to a full ILS precision landing system, extensive improvements for drainage and obstacle clearing, terminal building remodel including a new roof and interior upgrades and installation of security fencing and ram access control systems.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

In 2002, Dalton was recognized as an Urbanized Area with a population greater

than 50,000. Under that designation, federal law requires the formation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the State of Georgia designated the North Georgia Regional Development Center as the MPO for Dalton and Whitfield County.

The purpose of the MPO is to ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing planning process. The transportation planning process is led by three committees: policy, technical coordinating and citizen advisory.

On June 20, 2005, the MPO approved the road improvement components of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan depicted in the following map and table.

The plan was developed in cooperation

with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration by the MPO through three working committees, staff of the North Georgia Regional Development Center and local citizens who participated in four public meetings throughout 2004 and 2005.

For more information about the MPO, log onto www.ngfdc.org and click on the Dalton/Whitfield County Metropolitan Planning Organization icon.

Dalton Municipal Airport & Metropolitan Planning Organization

Project No.	Project	Location	Description	Total Cost	Fed/State Funding	Local Funding
Short Term Projects (1-5 years)						
36	N. Dalton Bypass/SR 71		Intersection Improvement	\$5,573,791	\$3,121,323	\$2,452,468
47	New Interchange at N. Dalton Bypass	Intersection with SR 71/Cleveland Hwy		\$21,200,000	\$8,600,000	\$12,400,000
20	Lakeland Rd.	Brook Hollow to Leslie Dr.	Realign and Geometrics	\$5,956,000	\$0	\$5,956,000
22	Road Redesignment N. Whitfield Traffic Study)	Rauschenberg to SR 71	Intersection Improvements	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000
59	Veterans Drive	Walnut Ave to Underwood Drive	Widening and geometrics	\$3,000,000	\$1,890,000	\$1,110,000
36	Flemings St.	N. Dalton Bypass to SR 71	Realign to SR 71, N. Oaks	\$3,474,000	\$1,626,000	\$1,848,000
11	South Dixie Highway	SR 3 Connector to Walnut Ave.	Widening	\$14,627,000	\$12,085,000	\$2,742,000
23	Airport Rd./CR 664	Tibbs Bridge Rd. to Murray Co. Line	Reconstruction	\$4,115,000	\$2,115,000	\$2,000,000
25	Riverland Rd.	S. Dalton Bypass to Walnut Ave.	Widen to 4 lanes	\$7,919,000	\$4,585,000	\$3,334,000
15	E. Morris/Murray St.	SR 52 to Glenwood	Widen to 4 lanes	\$7,397,000	\$3,070,000	\$4,327,000
35	Underwood Rd.	N. Dalton Bypass to Veterans	Widen to 4 lanes	\$13,735,000	\$6,100,000	\$7,635,000
1	I-75/Rocky Face Exit	SR 3/US 41	Interchange Reconst. (row)	\$853,000	\$853,000	\$0
2	I-75/Carbondale Exit	Carbondale Rd./CR 665	Interchange Reconstruction	\$6,557,000	\$6,557,000	\$0
10	I-75 at SR 201		Widening I-75	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
28	ATMS-GDOT Regional TCC-ITS		Construction of Center-	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$0
29	CR 3/Henry Owens Rd at NS R/R		Railroad Crossing Safety	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0
30	CR 200/Brewer Rd. at CSX R/R		Railroad Crossing Safety	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0
31	March to the Sea Bikeway		Signage and misc improv.	\$860,000	\$860,000	\$0
32	Upgrade Signals	Along SR 62 & SR 2		\$773,500	\$773,500	\$0
33	Water Pollution Mitigation			\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0
34	NS RR Depot Area Renovation			\$310,000	\$310,000	\$0
	Maintenance			\$3,440,786	\$3,440,786	\$0
	Traffic Studies			\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Total for Short Term Period				\$103,351,077	\$58,746,609	\$44,604,468
Mid Term Projects (6-10 years)						
6	Underwood Rd.	Dawnville to N. Dalton Bypass	Widen to 4 lanes	\$7,204,000	\$4,680,000	\$2,524,000
7	Thornion Ave./Hospital Access	N. Dalton Bypass to E. Waugh St.	Widen to 4 lanes	\$14,288,000	\$5,931,000	\$8,357,000
3	SR 3/US 41	Campbell Rd. to Caltoosa Co. Line	Widening	\$15,236,000	\$15,236,000	\$0
2a	I-75/Carbondale Exit	Carbondale Rd./CR 665	Interchange Reconstruct	\$9,024,000	\$9,024,000	\$0
10a	I-75 at SR 201		Widening I-75	\$840,000	\$840,000	\$0
13	SR 201 at I-75		Widening SR 201	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$0
56	SR 3	SR 136/Resaca N. Gordon to SR3 Conn.	Widen	\$3,665,280	\$3,665,280	\$0
	Maintenance			\$3,470,997	\$3,470,997	\$0
	Traffic Studies			\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Total for Mid Term Period				\$55,928,277	\$44,947,277	\$10,981,000

Long Term Projects (11- Year 2030)						
22a	Reed Road	N. Dalton Bypass to SR 201	Widen to 3 lanes	\$12,000,000		\$12,000,000
5	Dawnville Rd.	Underwood Rd. to SR 286	Widen to 4 lanes	\$7,606,000	\$5,031,000	\$2,575,000
58	Brickyard Ext to I-75	Extend Brickyard to New I-75 Intersection		\$32,200,000	\$16,000,000	\$16,200,000
48	I-75 at Waugh St/College Dr.	I-75 to Waugh St/College Dr.	Extension and New Interchange	\$21,200,000	\$8,800,000	\$12,400,000
14	SR 62	SR 52 Bus. To CR 112	Widen to 6 lanes and	\$1,684,000	\$1,684,000	\$0
9	Glenwood Ave.	Morris St. to Morningstar	Continuous Turn Lane	\$2,750,000	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000
18	SR 201	Mt. Vernon Rd to SR3/US 41	Widen to 4 lanes	\$9,666,000	\$6,144,000	\$3,522,000
21	US 41	At Old Chattanooga/Old Lafayette	Intersection Improvements	\$1,320,000	\$660,000	\$660,000
19	Antioch/Brickyard	South Dixie Hwy. To Riverbend Rd.	Widen to 4 lanes and	\$18,102,000	\$11,881,000	\$6,221,000
26	Beverdale	SR 71/Cleveland Hwy to Lake Francis Rd.	Widen to 4 lanes	\$5,998,000	\$5,998,000	\$0
51	Cedar Ridge Rd.	SR 52/Chatsworth to Tibbs Bridge Rd.	Widen to 4 lanes	\$4,020,000	\$2,522,000	\$1,498,000
37	Mill Creek Rd.	Hurricane Rd. to SR 3	Upgrade, Widen, Geometrics	\$19,290,000	\$6,007,000	\$13,283,000
41	E. Dug Gap Rd./Treadmill	Dug Gap Rd. to S. Dixie Highway	Upgrade, Widen, Geometrics	\$5,527,000	\$0	\$5,527,000
50	Dug Gap Battle/Dug Gap Rd.	Trade Center Dr. to Hurricane Rd.	Upgrade, Widen, Geometrics	\$4,521,000	\$2,842,000	\$1,679,000
8	Lower Dawnville Rd. (SR 286)	SR 52 to County Line	Widen to 4 lanes	\$26,236,000	\$17,491,000	\$8,745,000
39	Tyler Street	Tyler to Waugh St.	Extend to Waugh, RR Separations	\$10,147,000	\$0	\$10,147,000
43	Mill Creek Rd.	S. R. 201 to Hurricane Rd.	Add lane, Geometrics	\$15,980,000	\$6,633,000	\$9,347,000
49	Tibbs Bridge Rd.	Cedar Ridge to Keith Mill Rd.	Reconstruct/Bypass Intersect	\$6,784,000	\$4,284,000	\$2,500,000
17	SR 52/Chatsworth Hwy.	Dalton Bypass to County Line	Widen to 6 lanes	\$19,625,000	\$11,537,000	\$8,088,000
27	SR 2	SR 201 to Old Praters Mill Rd.	Widen to 4 lanes	\$9,946,000	\$6,252,000	\$3,694,000
42	Dug Gap Rd.	S. Dalton Bypass to E. Dug Gap Mtn. Rd.	Upgrade, Widen, Geometrics	\$14,459,000	\$0	\$14,459,000
46	S. Dalton Bypass	I-75 to Lakeland Rd.	Widen to 6 lanes	\$10,597,000	\$7,736,000	\$2,861,000
1a	I-75/Rocky Face Exit	SR 3/US 41	Interchange Reconst. (const.)	\$9,660,000	\$9,660,000	\$0
56a	SR 3/US 41	SR 136/Resaca N. Gordon to SR3 Conn.	Widening	\$6,246,570	\$6,246,570	\$0
57	SR 2 at Conasauga River		Bridge Widening	\$394,500	\$394,500	\$0
60	I-75	Gordon Co. Line to Caltoosa Co. Line	Widen to 8 lanes	\$57,000,000	\$57,000,000	\$0
	Maintenance			\$11,310,216	\$11,310,216	\$0
	Traffic Studies			\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Total for Long Term Period				\$347,469,296	\$209,673,296	\$137,796,000
Grand				\$506,648,640	\$313,367,172	\$193,281,468



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3	4 Mayor & Council Meeting	5	6 D-W Community Development Corporation Board	7 Christmas Parade Holidays at the Hall	8 Silver Bell Sprint	9
10	11	12	13	14 Historic Preservation Commission	15	16
17	18 Mayor & Council Meeting Solid Waste Authority Meeting	19 Keep Dalton-Whitfield Beautiful Meeting Public Safety Commission	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas City Closed	26 Holiday City Closed	27	28	29	30
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Dalton/Whitfield Community Development Corporation

The mission of the Dalton/Whitfield Community Development Corporation (CDC) is to “facilitate the opportunity of the workforce to acquire and maintain safe and decent housing in Dalton and Whitfield County.” You might ask, “how do we accomplish that mission?” By developing a cohesive group of community partners, the CDC works to establish goals and objectives for our local housing issues. The group focuses on developing educational programs on home ownership and the process behind establishing good credit, as well as setting up a checking account and budget. The CDC works to acquire additional resources for our housing initiatives by working with state and federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Community Affairs.

Throughout 2004-2005, the CDC managed the distribution of over \$480,000 in HUD Entitlement Funds to local organizations who focus on services for low-moderate income families. Dalton was named an Entitlement Community in 2003 and organizes the funds by allocating a portion of the money as competitive grants for local non-profits. The remaining amount is allocated to City of Dalton projects including Joan Lewis Park and the Ezzard Avenue infrastructure project. To learn more about the CDC, call 706/281-4804.

Dalton/Whitfield Economic Development Authority

In 1996, the Target Tomorrow community consensus was to provide county-wide economic development through a single entity with a primary focus on value added jobs through a balanced approach to expansion and retention of existing industry, new enterprise creation, and business relocation.

During the 2005 Georgia General Assembly, House Bill 818 was passed and signed by Governor Perdue, which allowed our community to create an economic authority board, the Dalton Whitfield Economic Development Authority (DWEDA). The primary mission of DWEDA is to promote economic development in Dalton and Whitfield County.

Seven individuals were appointed and now serve on the Authority’s board, along with four ex-officio members and two liaisons. Under the guidance of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce, the Authority became fully operational by August 1. Since its creation, the proposed budget of \$151,140 (for fiscal year 2006) has been presented to local governments (it includes full time staff and administrative support) and a short term plan was created to direct focused efforts of the Authority. The short term plan identifies specific priorities in the following areas: existing business/industry, telecommunications, downtown, and enhanced communication with realtors/developers.

DWEDA Board Members include:

David Mansfield, Chairman (Dalton Beverage Company)
Chuck Dobbins, Vice Chairman (Shaw Industries)
Roy Barrett (Barrett Family Partnership, LLLP)
Dan Combs (State Farm Insurance)
Allen Hammontree (Goddard, Thames, Hammontree & Bolding, L.L.C.)
Phil Neff (Cycle-Tex)
Tom Pendley (J & J Industries)

Ex-Officio Members:

Bradley Arnold (Whitfield County)
Don Cope (Dalton Utilities)
Butch Sanders (City of Dalton)
George Woodward (Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce)

Liaisons:

Mike Cowan (Whitfield County)
J. Richard (Dick) Lowrey (Smith & Green Construction & City of Dalton)

Frequently Requested Telephone Numbers

City of Dalton Offices:

Administration	706/278-9500
Airport	706/278-4700
Building Inspector	706/278-6936
City Clerk	706/529-2490
Dalton Utilities	706/278-1313
Dalton/Whitfield Community Development	706/281-4804
Emergency	911
Finance	706/278-6006
Fire	706/278-7363
Human Resources	706/281-1267
Jobline	706/279-9023
Mayor & Council	706/278-9500
Municipal Court	706/278-1913
Police	706/278-9085
Public Relations	706/278-9500
Public Works	706/278-7077
Recreation	706/278-5404
Solid Waste	706/277-2545
Trade Center	706/272-7676

Other Services:

Animal Control	706/259-2529
Birth/Death Certificates (Health Dept)	706/272-0827
Child Support	706/275-7450
Coroner’s Office	706/275-6235
Dalton Public Schools	706/278-8766
Dalton/Whitfield Chamber of Commerce	706/278-7373
DEACS	706/272-2331
District Attorney	706/272-2121
Domestic Violence	706/272-2911
Downtown Dalton Development	706/278-3332
Driver’s License	706/272-2272
Georgia State Patrol	706/272-2200
Housing Authority	706/278-6622
Humane Society	706/259-2529
INS	706/272-3075
Labor Department	800/822-5391
Library	706/876-1360
Magistrate Court	706/278-5052
Marriage License	706/275-7400

North GA Regional Development	706/272-2300
Social Security Office	706/226-1023
Tags & Registration	706/275-7505
Tax Assessor	706/275-7410
Veterans Services	706/272-2355
Whitfield County Board of Elections	706/278-7183
Whitfield County Health Department	706/226-2621
Whitfield County Schools	706/278-8070



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